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Voters Nationally Say Clinton Won Debate 51/40

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's post debate survey, sponsored by VoteVets Action Fund, finds that voters nationally think Hillary Clinton defeated Donald Trump in the debate, 51/40.

Perhaps most important for Clinton is that among young voters, who she has under performed with, 63% think she won the debate to only 24% for Trump. 47% of voters in that age group said the debate tonight made them more likely to vote for her, to only 10% who say it made them less likely to vote for her. For Trump with that group on the other hand, only 23% said the debate made them more likely to vote for him to 39% who said it made them less likely to.

Clinton also won the debate by particularly wide margins with women (54/36) and voters who are either African American or Latino (77/13). Among white voters the debate was basically a draw with Trump coming out ahead 47/45.

Clinton emerges from the debate with clear advantages over Trump on temperament, preparedness to be President, and whether she can be trusted with nuclear weapons:

-By a 17 point margin, 55/38, voters say Clinton has the temperament to be President. On the other hand, by an 11 point margin, 42/53, voters say Trump does not have the temperament to be President. Among independents the gap is even wider- by a 56/36 spread they say Clinton has the temperament for the job, while by a 41/54 spread they say Trump does not.

-By an 11 point margin, 52/41, voters say Clinton is prepared to be President. On the other hand, by a 10 point margin, 42/52, voters say Trump is not prepared to be President.

-By a 21 point margin, 56/35, voters say they think Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons. On the other hand, by a 9 point margin, 42/51, voters say they think Trump can not be trusted with nuclear weapons.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 1,002 debate watchers, who had been pre screened as planning to watch the debate and willing to answer a poll immediately after the debate about their thoughts, on September 26th. The margin of error is +/-3.1%. 80% of participants, selected through a list based sample, responded via the phone, while 20% of respondents who did not have landlines conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel.



National Survey Results

Q1 Did you watch the Presidential debate tonight, or not?

Watched the debate.....100%
Did not watch the debate 0%

Q2 Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think won the debate tonight, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Hillary Clinton..... 51%
Donald Trump 40%
Not sure 9%

Q3 Which of the Presidential candidates do you think would do a better job of uniting the country: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Hillary Clinton..... 50%
Donald Trump 42%
Not sure 8%

Q4 Did tonight's debate make you more or less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton, or did it not make a difference?

More likely..... 40%
Less likely 35%
Didn't make a difference 23%
Not sure 2%

Q5 Did tonight's debate make you more or less likely to vote for Donald Trump, or did it not make a difference?

More likely..... 35%
Less likely 39%
Didn't make a difference 24%
Not sure 3%

Q6 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President, or not?

Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President..... 52%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President 41%
Not sure 7%

Q7 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Donald Trump is prepared to be President, or not?

Donald Trump is prepared to be President..... 42%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President 52%
Not sure 6%

Q8 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President, or not?

Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President..... 55%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President..... 38%
Not sure 7%

Q9 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be President, or not?

Donald Trump has the temperament to be President..... 42%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President..... 53%
Not sure 5%

Q10 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons, or not?

Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons 56%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons 35%
Not sure 9%





Q11 After watching tonight's debate, do you think Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons, or not?

Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons 42%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons 51%
Not sure 6%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.

Democrat 41%
Republican 32%
Independent/Another party 27%

Q14 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic 9%
White 72%
African American 12%
Other 7%

Q15 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If 65 or older, press 4.

18 to 29 13%
30 to 45 23%
46 to 65 37%
Older than 65 26%

Q16 Mode

Phone 80%
Internet 20%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Clinton/Trump Won Debate			
Hillary Clinton	51%	54%	48%
Donald Trump	40%	36%	44%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Better Candidate Unite Country			
Hillary Clinton	50%	54%	46%
Donald Trump	42%	40%	45%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Debate More/Less Likely Vote for Clinton			
More likely	40%	43%	37%
Less likely	35%	32%	38%
Didn't make a difference	23%	22%	23%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Debate More/Less Likely to Vote for Trump			
More likely	35%	32%	38%
Less likely	39%	41%	37%
Didn't make a difference	24%	24%	23%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Clinton Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President	52%	54%	49%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President	41%	38%	44%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No			
Donald Trump is prepared to be President	42%	38%	47%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President	52%	56%	47%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%





	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Clinton Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President	55%	58%	52%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President	38%	35%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No			
Donald Trump has the temperament to be President	42%	38%	47%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President	53%	55%	50%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Clinton Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons	56%	59%	53%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	35%	32%	38%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trump Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No			
Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons	42%	39%	46%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	51%	53%	49%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independent/Anothe-r party
Clinton/Trump Won Debate				
Hillary Clinton	51%	77%	20%	49%
Donald Trump	40%	17%	69%	41%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independent/Anothe-r party
Better Candidate Unite Country				
Hillary Clinton	50%	79%	12%	50%
Donald Trump	42%	16%	77%	42%
Not sure	8%	5%	11%	8%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Debate More/Less Likely Vote for Clinton				
More likely	40%	63%	12%	39%
Less likely	35%	14%	58%	39%
Didn't make a difference	23%	17%	30%	23%
Not sure	2%	6%	0%	-

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Debate More/Less Likely to Vote for Trump				
More likely	35%	19%	58%	32%
Less likely	39%	56%	16%	39%
Didn't make a difference	24%	19%	26%	27%
Not sure	3%	6%	0%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Clinton Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No				
Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President	52%	77%	20%	50%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President	41%	16%	73%	43%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Trump Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No				
Donald Trump is prepared to be President	42%	20%	73%	41%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President	52%	76%	19%	52%
Not sure	6%	4%	7%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Clinton Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No				
Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President	55%	79%	22%	56%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President	38%	15%	72%	36%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Trump Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No				
Donald Trump has the temperament to be President	42%	19%	74%	41%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President	53%	76%	20%	54%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	5%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Clinton Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No				
Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons	56%	79%	29%	53%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	35%	13%	65%	34%
Not sure	9%	8%	7%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Another party
Trump Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No				
Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons	42%	18%	74%	43%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	51%	76%	19%	50%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Clinton/Trump Won Debate					
Hillary Clinton	51%	70%	45%	83%	44%
Donald Trump	40%	22%	47%	6%	46%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	11%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Better Candidate United Country					
Hillary Clinton	50%	65%	43%	83%	51%
Donald Trump	42%	27%	50%	6%	43%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	11%	6%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Debate More/Less Likely Vote for Clinton					
More likely	40%	55%	34%	74%	31%
Less likely	35%	21%	43%	3%	24%
Didn't make a difference	23%	17%	23%	13%	42%
Not sure	2%	6%	1%	10%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Debate More/Less Likely to Vote for Trump					
More likely	35%	19%	41%	12%	34%
Less likely	39%	56%	36%	47%	32%
Didn't make a difference	24%	22%	23%	27%	29%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%	14%	5%





	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Clinton Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President	52%	68%	46%	77%	45%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President	41%	25%	49%	6%	43%
Not sure	7%	7%	4%	17%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Trump Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No					
Donald Trump is prepared to be President	42%	32%	50%	10%	37%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President	52%	60%	45%	86%	49%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	4%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Clinton Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President	55%	71%	49%	83%	51%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President	38%	22%	46%	3%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	14%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Trump Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No					
Donald Trump has the temperament to be President	42%	27%	50%	9%	42%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President	53%	66%	46%	83%	50%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%	8%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Clinton Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons	56%	74%	51%	77%	51%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	35%	21%	42%	4%	34%
Not sure	9%	6%	7%	20%	15%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c	White	African Americ...	Other
Trump Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No					
Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons	42%	30%	50%	10%	39%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	51%	63%	46%	81%	42%
Not sure	6%	7%	4%	9%	19%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Clinton/Trump Won Debate					
Hillary Clinton	51%	63%	47%	50%	51%
Donald Trump	40%	24%	41%	44%	41%
Not sure	9%	13%	12%	6%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Better Candidate Unite Country					
Hillary Clinton	50%	61%	49%	49%	47%
Donald Trump	42%	25%	40%	46%	48%
Not sure	8%	14%	11%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Debate More/Less Likely Vote for Clinton					
More likely	40%	47%	35%	42%	39%
Less likely	35%	10%	40%	36%	40%
Didn't make a difference	23%	33%	21%	22%	20%
Not sure	2%	10%	3%	1%	0%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Debate More/Less Likely to Vote for Trump					
More likely	35%	23%	33%	37%	39%
Less likely	39%	39%	41%	40%	35%
Didn't make a difference	24%	28%	23%	22%	24%
Not sure	3%	10%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Clinton Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President	52%	59%	48%	53%	50%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President	41%	30%	43%	42%	45%
Not sure	7%	11%	9%	5%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No					
Donald Trump is prepared to be President	42%	27%	42%	45%	47%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President	52%	64%	52%	50%	48%
Not sure	6%	9%	6%	5%	5%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Clinton Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President	55%	69%	52%	54%	53%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President	38%	19%	40%	41%	43%
Not sure	7%	12%	8%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No					
Donald Trump has the temperament to be President	42%	27%	42%	46%	45%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President	53%	62%	55%	50%	49%
Not sure	5%	11%	3%	3%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Clinton Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No					
Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons	56%	58%	53%	58%	55%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	35%	28%	34%	35%	39%
Not sure	9%	13%	13%	6%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No					
Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons	42%	24%	41%	47%	47%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	51%	63%	54%	48%	48%
Not sure	6%	13%	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Clinton/Trump Won Debate			
Hillary Clinton	51%	49%	60%
Donald Trump	40%	44%	22%
Not sure	9%	6%	18%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Better Candidate Unite Country			
Hillary Clinton	50%	48%	59%
Donald Trump	42%	46%	25%
Not sure	8%	6%	16%





	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Debate More/Less Likely Vote for Clinton			
More likely	40%	39%	46%
Less likely	35%	39%	16%
Didn't make a difference	23%	21%	30%
Not sure	2%	1%	9%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Debate More/Less Likely to Vote for Trump			
More likely	35%	37%	25%
Less likely	39%	39%	37%
Didn't make a difference	24%	22%	30%
Not sure	3%	1%	9%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Clinton Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton is prepared to be President	52%	51%	54%
Hillary Clinton is not prepared to be President	41%	44%	31%
Not sure	7%	5%	15%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Trump Prepared to be POTUS Yes/No			
Donald Trump is prepared to be President	42%	45%	32%
Donald Trump is not prepared to be President	52%	50%	60%
Not sure	6%	5%	8%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Clinton Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be President	55%	52%	66%
Hillary Clinton does not have the temperament to be President	38%	43%	21%
Not sure	7%	5%	13%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Trump Temperament to be POTUS Yes/No			
Donald Trump has the temperament to be President	42%	45%	31%
Donald Trump does not have the temperament to be President	53%	51%	60%
Not sure	5%	4%	8%



	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Clinton Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No			
Hillary Clinton can be trusted with nuclear weapons	56%	56%	58%
Hillary Clinton cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	35%	38%	24%
Not sure	9%	7%	18%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Trump Trusted with Nuclear Weapons Yes/No			
Donald Trump can be trusted with nuclear weapons	42%	46%	26%
Donald Trump cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons	51%	49%	62%
Not sure	6%	5%	12%